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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Scoville

I note that on February 23, the Los Angeles Times carried a UPI release from London, headed "Britain equips Army with U.S. Sky-Spy Plane." The article states that Britain is to use a thirteen and a half foot long pilotless aircraft which can fly over enemy territory, take photographs day and night, and then parachute the photographs back. This is reported to be a system developed by the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

I presume this is a drone, to be used for tactical reconnaissance. I would like a little information on this and also the extent to which we have studied use of drones for deep or medium reconnaissance penetrations.

Specifically, I would like to know whether we have any drone equipment which might be used for the Kamchatka Peninsula reconnaissance effort.


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